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23 August 1945

TO : Captain Eric TIMM

SUBJECT : Notes on Amt VI Agents in Italy from
Diary of Hildegard BEETZ.

1) Attached is a memorandum, subject as above, originally prepared by Mr. Lawrence de Neufville on the basis of an examination of Frau BEETZ's diary. It was sent to this office and then relayed to London.

2) Recently we received a cable from London requesting a full interrogation of Frau BEETZ on Amt VI activities in Italy, this to be transmitted to Saint CASERTA. We have received the detailed interrogation made by Third Army IC and forwarded by you 9 August. The attached request for information is independent of the detailed interrogation report received.

3) Meanwhile the attached memorandum has reached us and Caserta further requests a recheck on the addresses and telephone numbers listed therein.

4) Would you arrange to have Frau BEETZ questioned as to any additional information she may be able to furnish on the agents listed and notify us of the results so we may inform London and Caserta?

For the Branch Chief:

EDWARD R. WEISMILLER
1st. Lieut., USMCR
Chief, Operations

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PENETRATION PROJECT FOR THE THIRD ARMY TERRITORY

AGENT:

BEETZ, Hildegard, nee BURKHARDT. Born 16 December 1919 OBERNISSA (region of WEIMAR), Germany. 1939 hired as clerk and interpreter by SD Abschnitt WEIMAR because of knowledge of foreign languages. Later transferred in same capacity to Amt VI of RSHA. Until 1943 worked as interpreter, clerk, and translator for Amt VI in BERLIN and ROME.

August 1943, became personal secretary to SS-Sturmabfuhrer Dr. Wilhelm HOETTL, who was at the time with Italian Referat of Amt VI in ROME. September 1943, assumed status of agent for Amt VI, and was assigned under HOETTL's direction to case of Count CIANO. While on this assignment Frau BEETZ managed to dupe her superiors by deliberately withholding from them information on the "Operation CIANO", and by falsifying reports. Also engineered the escape from Italy to Switzerland of Edda CIANO, who was sought by RSHA.

Frau BEETZ was never a convinced Nazi and attempted to resign from the Party in 1942. Highly intelligent, and speaking fluent Italian, French, German and English, she has already cooperated with us on the exploitation of Dr. HOETTL in such a way as to make it quite evident that we may both trust her and make extremely good use of her. At the same time she is in the automatic arrest category, and her husband is in our hands, so that our control of her is assured.

PLAN:

It is planned to use Frau BEETZ to renew her former extensive social contacts with people who have Party and GIS affiliations. In addition to this she will cultivate contacts within church circles. It is felt that Frau BEETZ's knowledge of personalities, her thorough acquaintance with GIS methods, and her insight into the German mind will both help her in evaluating any CE information she receives, and establish her as a penetration agent of the highest calibre.

OPERATION:

Frau BEETZ will secure secretarial employment on the highest possible level through the Arbeitsbuero in MUNICH. Contact between her and the Case Officer will be maintained through previously established MG channels.

CASE OFFICER:

Captain Eric Timm.

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